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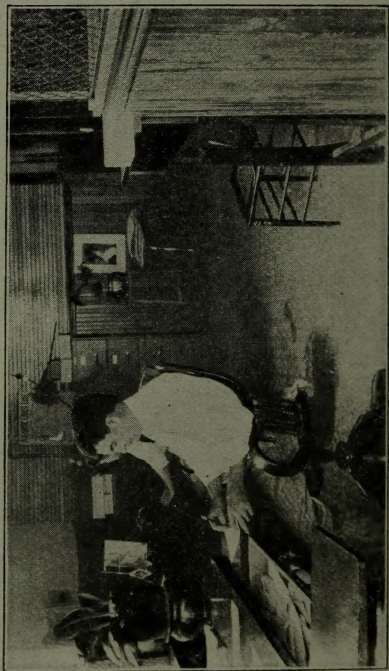
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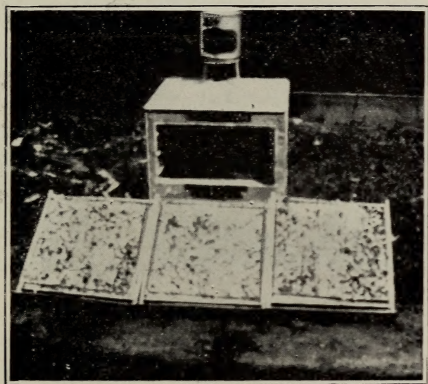
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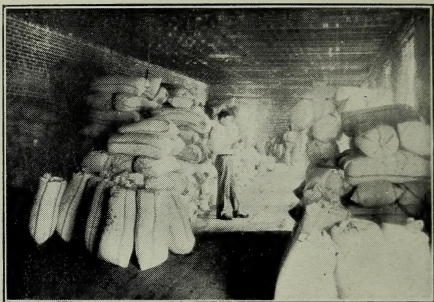


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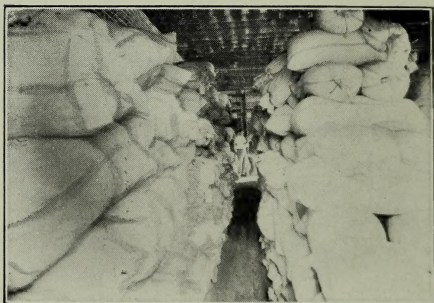


Filing reports of crops after final inspection.  
(Purity and Condition Reports)





View showing seed stored on top floor  
as delivered from farms



View showing seed recleaned, weighed and  
tested for germination, ready for shipment.  
Above shows 100,000 pounds.

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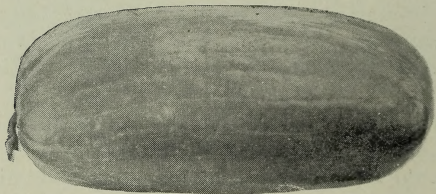
THE object of this booklet is to give correct description of the different varieties of watermelon, for the benefit of dealers in the seed. It is surprising to know that so few are familiar in detail with the different sorts; many of the varieties listed in the general catalogs are synonym.

I have mentioned nearly all the distinct sorts of merit, and have tried to be condensed in the descriptions, and, in giving a description of the different sorts it is what I have learned from fourteen year's experience and close observation as a grower. I have watched with interest the development of new sorts, and am pleased to say, that a number of sorts introduced in recent years have sterling qualities.

## Culture

Select sandy loam soil, plant in rows 8x12 feet; when fourth leaf appears thin to one vine to the hill; use 500 to 600 pounds good grade guano, cultivate shallow and fast.

Each vine will produce one to two desirable seed melons, and requires an average of seven melons to produce a pound of seed, or about 100 pounds per acre.

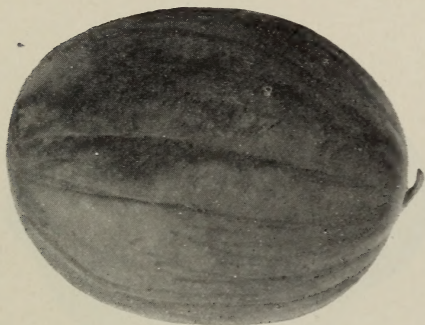


## Tom Watson

ONE of the best melons either for market or home use; very prolific, attains a larger size than any of the long green melons, frequently growing 50 to 60 pounds in weight; no tipped ends or necks to rot; one of the best shippers. The rind is thin but tough, flesh deep red; tender, firm and sweet; produces melons 18 to 24 inches long by 10 to 12 inches in diameter; seeds light brown smeared with darker brown; time for ripening 95 days.

9 melons produce a pound of seed.

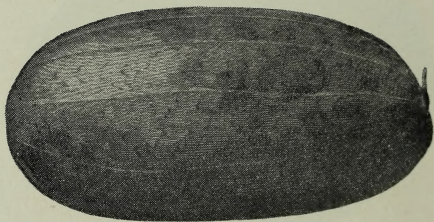




## Gilbert's Success

**T**HIS melon is a market sort and will withstand shipping equal to or better than any other sort; medium early, very productive and of uniformly large size. Dark mottled green rind, very attractive appearance, flesh bright red, firm and sweet. Melons of this variety very often grow 75 to 80 pounds in weight. Seeds black, time for ripening 90 days, average weight 35 to 40 pounds.

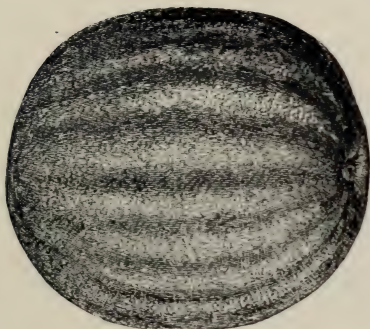
8 melons produce a pound of seed.



## Kleckley Sweet

**T**HIS is a very popular watermelon, no doubt it is more universally grown than any other sort. Dark green skin, thin rind; flesh bright scarlet solid, very sweet and crisp; not a good shipper for long distance. The fruits are oblong and uniform in size; seeds cream with an occasional seed smeared with brown; time for ripening 85 days; average weight 25 pounds.

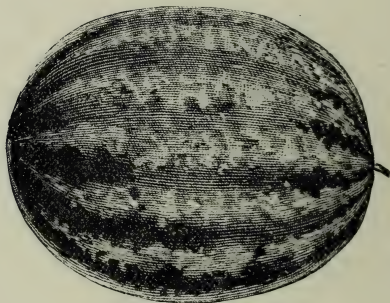
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## Jones' Jumbo

**E**XTRA large, very productive and of very fine flavor; grows uniformly in size; rind dark green with an indistinct stripe a shade lighter green; flesh bright red and tender; seeds white with black tips; time for ripening 90 days, average weight 30 pounds. Good shipper.

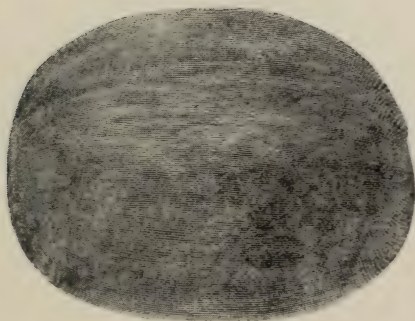
6 melons produce a pound of seed.



## Eden

**T**HIS is a very popular melon in some sections. One of the best shipping sorts. Round light green, striped with broad bands of the darker green. Flesh bright red, solid and sweet, very productive; seeds white with black tips; time for ripening 90 days; average weight 30 pounds.

7 melons produce a pound of seed.

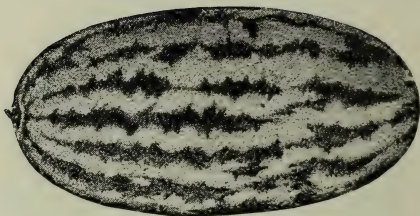


## New Holmes

**L**ARGE round dark green striped with a darker shade of green; very productive, uniformly large size; a splendid shipper, medium thick rind, flesh bright scarlet, firm and sweet; seeds black; time for ripening 90 days, average weight 35 pounds.

7 melons produce a pound of seed.

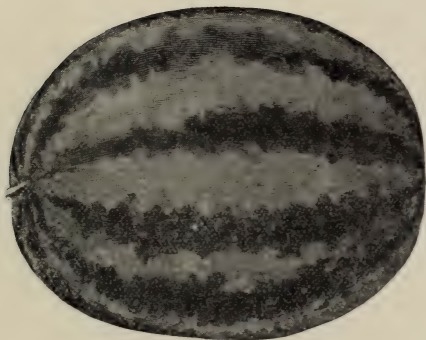




## Alabama Sweet

**T**HE rind is dark green marked with deeper green mottled stripes, medium thin and very tough, making the melon a first class shipper. The flesh is bright red fine grained, sweet firm and entirely stringless. Seeds white slightly smeared with brown. Time for ripening 85 days, average weight 30 pounds.

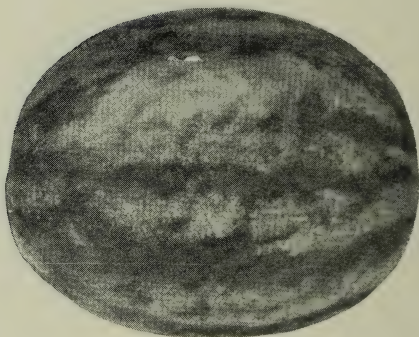
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## Duke Jones

**R**IND dark green slightly striped with lighter green, almost round in shape, flesh bright red, not a long distance shipper, seeds white with black tips and is unusually productive. Time for ripening 85 days, average weight 30 pounds.

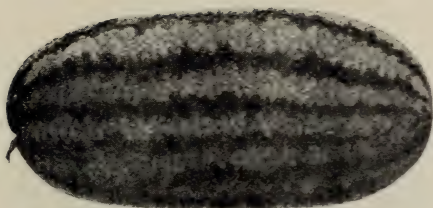
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## Coles Early

**S**TRICTLY a home market melon almost round in shape, rind light green striped with broad bands of dark green. Vines very vigorous and productive; flesh bright red, crisp and delicate texture; seeds small black. Time for ripening 80 days, average weight 20 pounds.

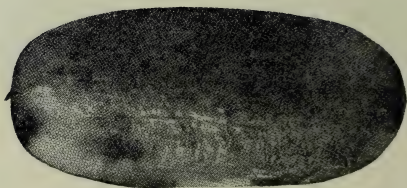
8 melons produce a pound of seed.



## McIvers Wond. Sugar

**T**HIS is a very hardy grower; leaves on the vines differ in shape from most other sorts, exceedingly productive. Elongated, rind dark green striped with broad bands of light green, flesh bright red, firm and of extra quality. Seeds white, with an occasional seed slightly brown tipped; good shipper; time for ripening 100 days; average weight 30 pounds.

7 melons produce a pound of seed.

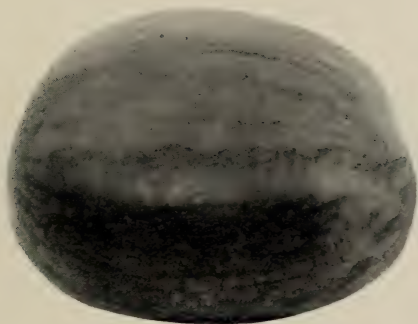


## Mountain Sweet

**D**ARK green, oblong, rind thin; flesh bright scarlet solid and sweet. Not a good shipper; seeds black; time of ripening 80 days; average size 20 pounds.

8 melons produce a pound of seed.

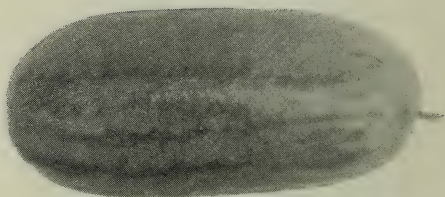




## Triumph

**T**HIS melon is a market sort and one of the best shippers; very productive; and of uniformly large size. The rind dark green indistinctly striped with a lighter shade. Seeds black, time for ripening 90 days, average weight 35 pounds.

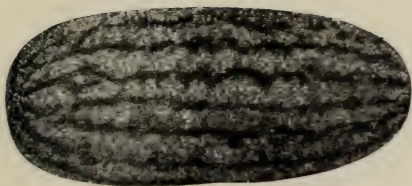
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## Bradford

**V**INES very vigorous and productive. Rind dark green with darker stripes. Is a long melon, grows very uniformly in size; flesh red, tender and sweet; an excellent shipping sort. Seeds white; time for ripening 85 days; average weight 25 pounds.

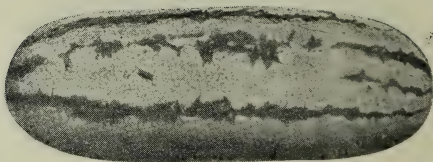
8 melons produce a pound of seed.



## Florida Favorite

**A**N oblong melon with dark green skin faintly striped with a lighter green; deep red flesh of excellent flavor, one of the best table sort, not a good shipper. Seeds white; time for ripening 80 days, average weight 20 pounds.

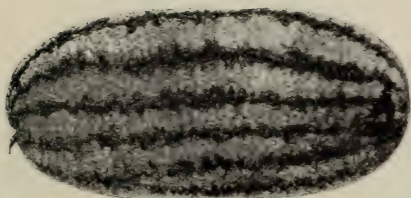
8 melons produce a pound of seed.



## Georgia Rattlesnake

**I**S an elongated gray with light green stripes; an excellent shipper, vines vigorous and productive. Flesh red and sweet, seeds white with black tips. Time for ripening 80 days. Average weight 25 pounds.

8 melons produce a pound of seed.

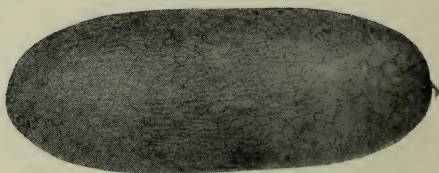


## Mammoth Ironclad

**F**RUITS long and thick, vines vigorous and productive, skin dark green with lighter stripes, rind thin but exceptionally tough, flesh bright red, solid and crisp, seeds white with an occasional seed smeared with brown. Time for ripening 90 days, average weight 30 pounds.

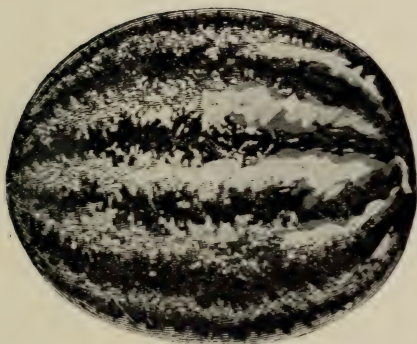
7 melons produce a pound of seed.





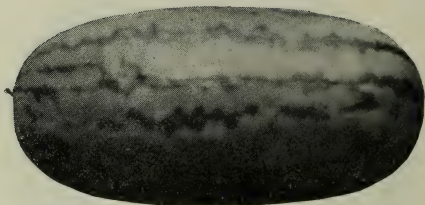
## Angel's Kiss

ONE of the best flavored melons in existence. Flesh of the deepest crimson, sweet and melting. Vines robust and strong-growing and very prolific. Oblong in shape, seeds white, time for ripening 80 days. Average weight 25 pounds. Color of rind gray. Melons required for pound of seed 10.



## Kolb Gem

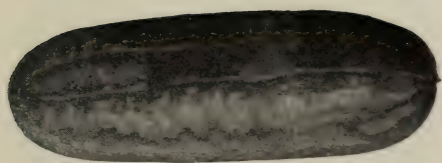
**C**OLOR dark green broad bright stripes nearly round, rind thick. One of the best shippers, flesh medium red and very firm, Seeds black, time for ripening 90 days; average weight 25 pounds. Melons required for pound of seed 6.



## Augusta Rattlesnake

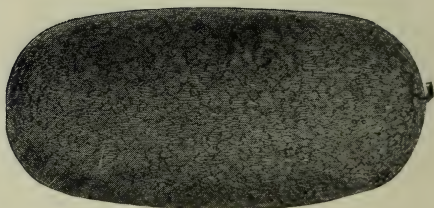
**T**HIS melon resembles very closely the old Georgia Rattlesnake. The color of the rind is identical, being a little difference in the shape growing not quite so long but somewhat thicker. Flesh solid, red and sweet. Seeds white with black tips, time for ripening 90 days; average weight 30 pounds.

7 melons produce a pound of seed.



## Halbert's Honey

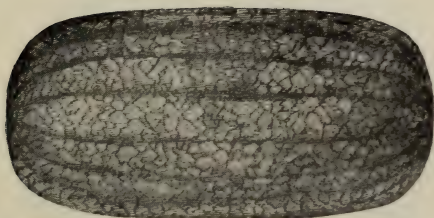
**T**HIS melon is dark green slightly ridged and blunt at both ends, the flesh is very sweet and melting, leaves no trace of pulp; bright crimson, not a good shipper. Rind very tender, grows very long in shape; seeds white, small and black tips. time for ripening 85 days. Average size 25 pounds. Melons required to produce a pound of seed 9.



## Gray Monarch

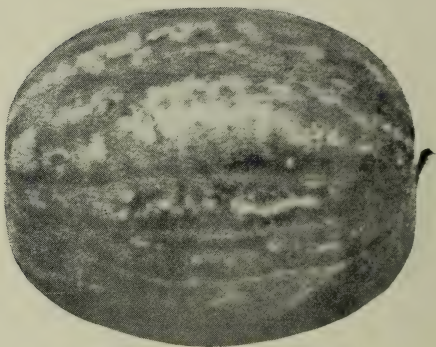
**R**IND mottled gray, shape long, flesh crimson and of excellent flavor. Not a good shipper, rind thin and brittle. Seeds white, time of ripening 80 days, average weight 25 pounds. Melons required to produce a pound of seed 8.





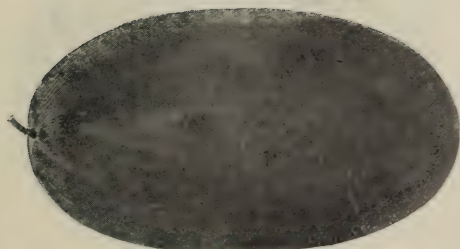
## Seminole

**E**NORMOUSLY productive and delicious flavor. It is of two distinct colors, gray and light green. Oblong in shape, flesh deep red, and firm; a good shipper. Seeds brown, time for ripening 90 days. Average weight 25 pounds. Melons required to produce a pound of seed 6.



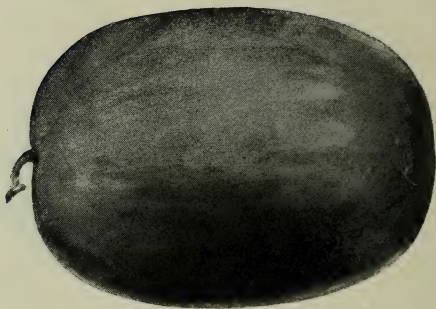
## Imp. Kolb Gem

**I**N general shape, size and appearance it is similar to the old-fashioned Kolb Gem, but is distinctively darker; it has a very firm hard rind and is a good shipper, flesh deep red extending near the rind, of good flavor. Seeds black. Time for ripening 90 days, average weight 30 pounds. Melons required to produce a pound of seed 6.



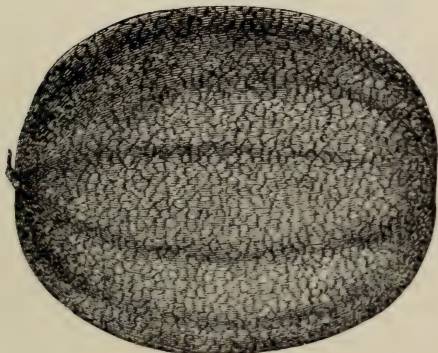
## The Boss

**O**BLONG in shape, skin dark green, flesh deep scarlet and of rich flavor. Seeds black; time for ripening 85 days; not a good shipper; average weight 20 pounds. Melons required to produce a pound of seed 7.



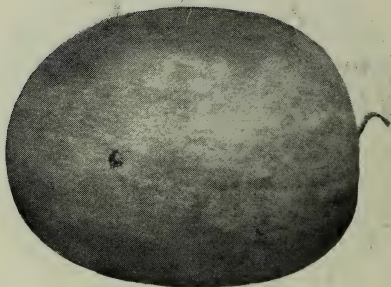
## Black Diamond

**A** RICH dark green, almost black in color, uniform shape very productive, flesh bright red and good flavor, almost round; seeds black, time for ripening 90 days; average weight 30 pounds. Melons required to produce a pound of seed 6.



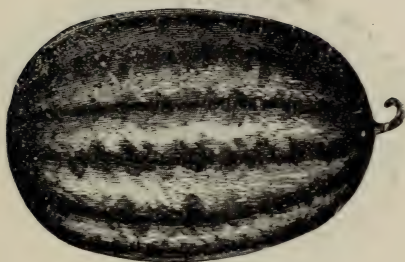
## Fordhook Early

**T**HE fruits are of good size, rather short and blocky in form, skin dark mottled green flesh bright red, crisp and of splendid quality. Rind thin; not a good shipper, seeds white; time for ripening 85 days. Melons required to produce a pound of seed 7. Average weight 25 pounds.



## Sweetheart

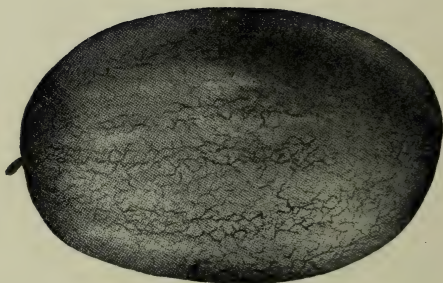
**V**INES vigorous and very productive, almost round in shape, very heavy and solid, rind thin but firm, color very light green, slightly veined with a darker shade. Flesh bright red and sweet, seed black, time for ripening 90 days; average weight 30 pounds. Melons required to produce a pound of seed 6.



## Cuban Queen

**I**T is an enormous yielder, oval in shape, skin striped light and dark green, flesh bright red, solid and delicious flavor. Seeds black. Time for ripening 90 days. A good shipper. Average weight 30 pounds. Melons required to produce a pound of seed 7.





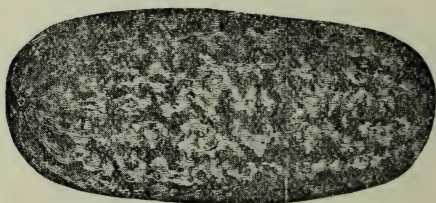
## Sugar Stick

**A** LIGHT green melon of oblong form, flesh bright red melting and sugary. The vines are very vigorous and productive. The rind is thin and tough; a good shipper. Seeds black; time for ripening 85 days, average weight 30 pounds. Melons required to produce one pound of seed 7.



## Dark Icing

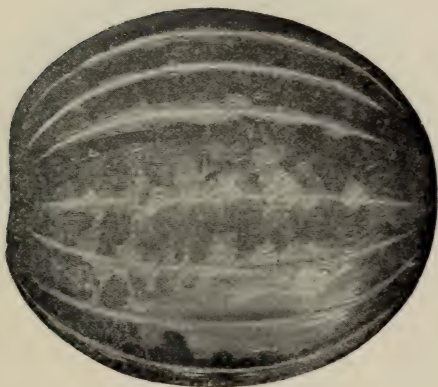
**F**RUITS are oval in form with dark green skin, flesh deep pink, very sweet; rind thin and brittle; not a good shipper. Seeds white, time for ripening 85 days. Average weight 25 pounds. Melons required to produce a pound of seed 8.



## Phinney's Early

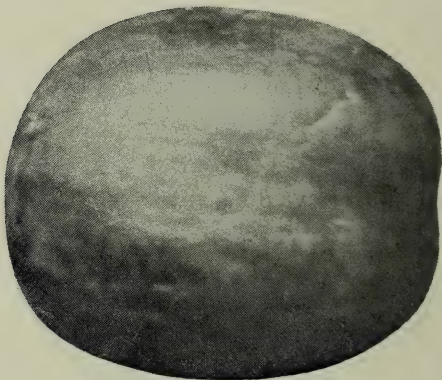
**A** VERY sure cropper, vines vigorous and fruiting quite heavy. Fruit oblong and striped with two shades of green; rind thin, flesh pink and tender; not a good shipper; seed white with black tips. Time for ripening 85 days, average weight 15 pounds.

8 melons produce a pound of seed.



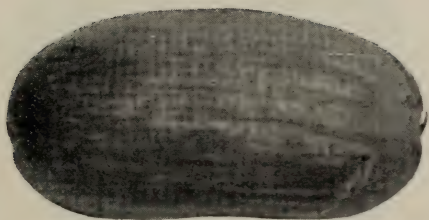
## Black Boulder

**A** VERY fine shipping melon; rind solid; dark blueish green; flesh bright red, solid and sweet; seeds black; time for ripening 90 days. Melons required to produce a pound of seed 6; average weight 30 pounds.



## Light Round Icing

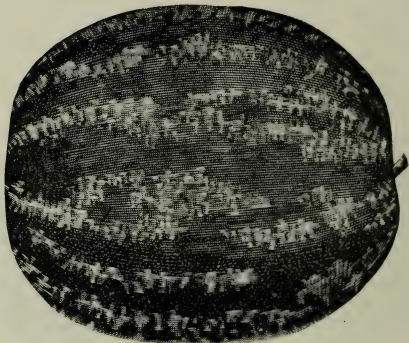
**T**HE melon is oval shape, vines strong and very prolific. Melons grow unusually uniform in size. Rind gray to light green. Flesh red and sweet, not a good shipper. Seeds white, time for ripening 85 days, average weight 20 pounds. Melons required to produce a pound of seed 7.



## Ice Cream or Peerless

**O**NE of the best early sorts for home garden, not a good shipper. Vines hardy and productive; fruit oval to oblong; bright mottled green; rind thin, flesh light pink; crisp and sweet. Seed white; average weight 18 pounds; time for ripening 90 days.

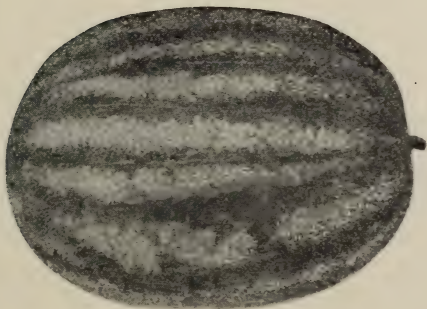
7 melons produce a pound of seed.



## Iceberg or Blue Gem

**A** POPULAR market sort and one of the best shippers. Melons uniformly large, thick oval form, rind dark green with fine stripes of lighter shade. Flesh deep pink and very solid and sweet. Ripening near the rind. Copper colored bottom. Seeds black, require 6 melons to produce a pound of seed. Average weight 30 pounds, time for ripening 90 days.

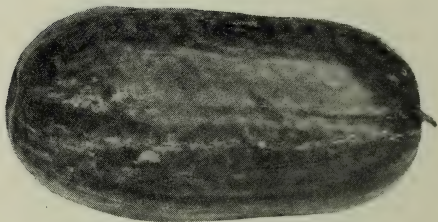




## Harris' Earliest

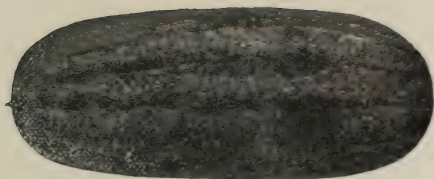
**A**N extra early melon of excellent quality; Fruits larger than any other extra early sort; slightly oval with broad bands of mottled stripes light and dark green. Flesh bright red, and very tender, vines very vigorous and productive. Not a good shipper. Seed black. Time for ripening 80 days. Average weight 25 to 30 pounds.

7 melons produce a pound of seed.



## Golden Honey

**A** GOLDEN flesh melon glistening amber shade of yellow, very tender and delicious flavor, oblong in form, rind light green with mottled stripes, entirely free from hard centers or stringy sections. The rind is thick, but not a good shipper. Seeds white with black tips. Average weight 20 pounds. Time for ripening 90 days. Melons required to produce a pound of seed 8.



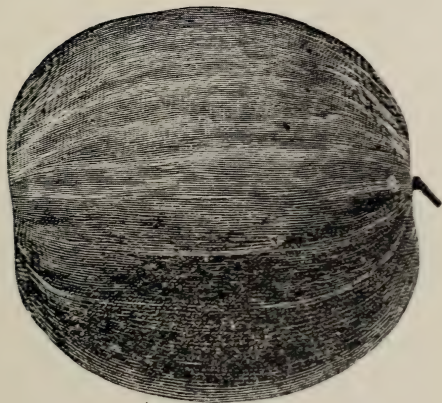
## Arkansas Traveler

**A** LONG weighty melon, rind dark green with waving stripes of a darker shade. Flesh brilliant red, sweet and tender; very hard rind—a good shipper. Seeds brown, average weight 25 pounds, time for ripening 90 days. 7 melons required to produce a pound of seed.



## Chilian

**T**HIS is a very attractive melon being nearly round in form with a dark green rind with black stripes. The flesh is of the very deepest red, solid and sweet. The rind is about one-quarter of an inch thick but very strong. One of the best shippers. Seeds white, average weight 25 pounds, time for ripening 85 days; 9 melons required for one pound of seed.



## Shaker Blue

**T**HE vines are of a vigorous growth and heavy producers, the melons are nearly round in form, the skin is dark green, slightly striped with narrow bands of a lighter green but when full ripe the melons are solid dark green, the flesh is red and firm, a good shipper. Average weight 30 pounds. Time for ripening 90 days. Seeds white, black tipped and takes 7 melons to produce a pound of seed.



## Dixie

**I**T has a remarkable thin rind almost impenetrable which preserves it for a great length of time, vines thrifty and strong, very productive, the flesh is fine rich scarlet and of superior quality. Seed black, time for ripening 85 days; oblong in shape, average weight 25 pounds. Melons required to produce pound of seed 6.

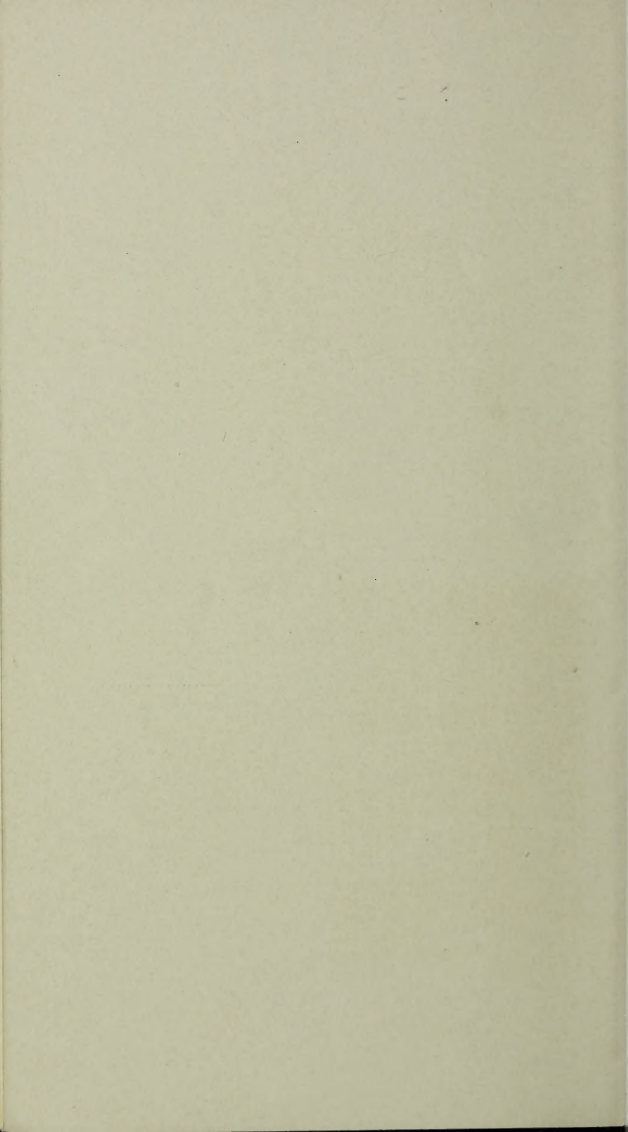
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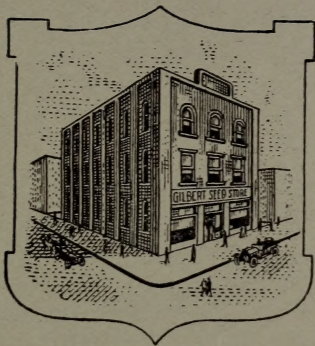
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Selected Melons for Seed Stock